

bonding said elastically stretchable first layer and said second layer together at a plurality of intermittently formed bonding zones to thereby form a composite sheet;

stretching only a portion of said composite sheet in one direction so that said elastically stretchable first layer of said portion may be elastically stretched together with said continuous fibers; and

allowing said composite sheet contract under a contractile force of said first elastically stretchable layer to form said covering member.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A disposable diaper that has a covering member adapted to cover a wearer's crotch and waist regions. The covering member includes an elastically stretchable first layer and an inelastically stretchable second layer formed with a plurality of continuous fibers. The continuous fibers are fixed to the first layer in at least two bonding zones. The covering member presents a particularly large value of L/D, a ratio of a length L of each continuous fiber and a distance D in straight line between each pair of the adjacent bonding zones.^{as}